Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 5, line 1 and ending at page 5, line 16 with the following:

Figure 2 is a fragmentary cross-sectional view of a distal portion of the retrieval device 10 of Figure 1. ~~As shown in Figure 2, braided~~ Braided member 32 may include a number of filaments 34,36 encased within an elastomeric jacket 38 that can be configured to lie adjacent and flush with the distal section 16 of the elongated shaft member 12. As shown in Figure 2, at least a portion of the braided member 32 may be encased within a wall of the flared distal section 16 of the elongated shaft member 12. Elastomeric jacket 38 may have a thickness generally equivalent to that of the flared distal section 16 of the elongated shaft member 12. The filaments 34,36 may be arranged generally in two sets of parallel helices wound in opposite directions about a common longitudinal axis 40, thus forming an inner lumen 42 of the braided member 32. The filaments 34,36 may intersect each other in an overlapping pattern at a number of interstices 44. The interstices 44 are configured to permit the two sets of filaments 34,36 to move with respect to each other, allowing the braided member 32 to radially expand and axially shorten when subjected to a compressive force, and conversely, radially shrink and axially elongate when subjected to a tensile force. The braid angle θ (*i.e.* the angle between two filaments in the longitudinal or axial direction) may be varied to alter the amount of radial expansion and axial elongation of the braided member 32, as desired. The ends 46,48 of each of the two sets of filaments 34,36 may be constrained to prevent the filaments 34,36 from fraying or unraveling.